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TO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

INFO AMEMBASSY DACCA

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IN, PK

SUBJ: SOUTH ASIAN RELATIONS

1. INDIAN MINISTER GONSALVES CALLED ON LAINGEN TODAY TO INFORM DEPARTMENT OF FIRST STAGE IN SIMULTANEOUS REPATRIATION PROCESS AFFECTING POWS, BENGALIS AND BIHARIS. LAINGEN INDICATED WE HAD SEEN AND WELCOMED REPORTS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AND NOTED ALSO THAT BOTH US AND PAKISTANI PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN FIRST DAY OF BHUTTO VISIT TO US HAD MADE WARM REFERENCES TO RECENT DELHI AGREEMENT ON REPATRIATION.

2. GONSALVES RESPONDED WITH COMMENT THAT TIMING OF FIRST STAGE IN REPATRIATION HAD BEEN CONSIDERED, AT LEAST SO FAR AS GOI WAS CONCERNED, QUOTE WITH EYE COCKED ON BHUTTO ARRIVAL WASHINGTON UNQUOTE.

3. GONSALVES ALSO MADE REFERENCE TO FACT THAT INDIAN

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EMBASSY HAD BEEN QUERIED BY PRESS HERE TODAY FOLLOWING

PRESIDENT'S REFERENCE IN BHUTTO WELCOMING SPEECH TO  
PAKISTAN'S INTEGRITY AND INDEPENDENCE AS ONE OF CORNER-  
STONES OF US FOREIGN POLICY. PRESS HAD ASKED WHETHER IN  
EMBASSY'S OPINION THIS HAD REFERENCE TO INDIA. GONSALVES  
SAID HE HAD RESPONDED THAT INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY OF  
PAKISTAN WAS EVEN MORE A CORNERSTONE OF INDIAN FOREIGN  
POLICY THAN IT WAS OF US FOREIGN POLICY. RUSH

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